(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINSTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD):(a) to (c) The new line from Quazigund to Baramulla is a part of Udhampur Quazigund-Baramulla new line project. The Quazigund-Baramulla section has been targeted for completion during 2005-06. However, the completion of this section is likely to be delayed due to delay in land acquisition and militant activities prevailing in the area. The matter is regularly being pursued with the State Government to resolve land disputes and hand over the land to Railway free of all encombrances. Efforts have also been taken to step up security arrangements on the project alignment.

Incentive for research standard in agriculture

*259. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any incentive scheme for bringing the research level of agricultural research and development institutions of the country above the international standard;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Several efforts have been initiated over the years to bring about an elevation of standards in the level of agricultural research, development of institutions at par with international standards, like perspective planning, all-round strengthening of research facilities for overall development, human resource development and training, awards for recognition of individual merit and modernization of systems and infrastructure. There is also a specific scheme for incentives to individual scientists and institutions. The ICAR has instituted 89 Awards including 40 annual and 49 biennial, to recognize and reward the performance of its institutions, scientists and even farmers and a journalist. The details are enclosed as statement (*See* below). In addition, the deserving scientists are provided opportunities for training and/or collaborative research in frontier areas at best national

and international institutions, and for participation in national and international conferences for their skill upgradation and confidence enhancement through interaction. Short term specific research and development schemes under the A.P. Cess Fund of ICAR and the World Bank funded National Agricultural Technology Project are also awarded/ approved to the deserving scientists which help them in their focussed activities and infrastructure and facilities build-up leading to raising of the level of research and institutions.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

DETAILS OF ICAR AWARDS

S No.	Name of award	Whether Annual or Biennial	No.of Awards	Amount of Award (Rs.in Lakhs)	Total Amount of Award (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institution Award	Annual	3	5.00	15.00
2.	Chaudhary Devi Lal Outstanding All-India Co-ordinated Research Project Award	Annual	1	1.00	1.00
3.	Jawaharlal Nehru Award for Outstanding Post-graduate Agricultural Research	Annual	18	0.20	3.60
4.	Panjabrao Deshmukh Woman Agricultural Scientist Award	Annual	2	0.50	1.00
5.	Vasantarao Naik Award for Research Applications in Dryland Agriculture	Annual	1	1.00	1.00
6.	Jagjivan Ram Kisan Puruskar	Annual	2	1.00	2.00
7.	N.G. Ranga Farmer Award for Diversified Agriculture	Annual	1	1.00	1.00
8.	Choudhary Charan Singh Award for Excellence in Journalism in Agricultural Research and Development	Annual	1	1.00	1.00

1	2	3	4	5	6
9.	Dr. Rajendra Prasad Puruskar for Technical Books in Hindi in the field of Agriculture and Allied Sciences	Annual	9	0.50	4.50
10.	ICAR Best Annual Report award	Annual	2	--	--
11.	Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Award for Outstanding Agricultural Research in Tribal Areas	Biennial	2	0.50	1.00
12.	ICAR Awards for Outstanding Multi-disciplinary Team Research in Agriculture and allied Sciences	Biennial	9	1.00	9.00
13.	Bharat Ratna Dr. C. Subramaniam Award for the Outstanding Teachers	Biennial	9	0.50	4.50
14.	Best Krishi Vigyan Kendra Award	Biennial	2	0.50	1.00
15.	Lal Bahadur Shastri Young Scientist Award	Biennial	10	0.25	2.50
16.	Hari Om Ashram Trust Award	Biennial	4	0.40	1.60
17.	Swami Sahajanand Saraswati Extension Scientist/Worker Award	Biennial	4	0.25	1.00
18.	Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Award	Biennial	9	1.00	9.00
	TOTAL	---	89	---	59.70

Musi River Conservation Project

*260. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Musi River Conservation Project was launched by Government in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, when was it launched and targeted for completion;

(c) the amount earmarked for the project and released till date; and